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**Laird & Lee's Diary and Time-Saver** maintains its high standard and as usual has something new. Besides the diary proper it contains the moon's phases for 1916, population of U. S. cities of 10,000 and up, Panama Canal statistics and map, calendars, wages table, surgical and medical hints, cash account pages, page for telephone numbers one uses, astrological signs for each day in the year, postage rates, etc. Attractive full flexible leather binding, gild edges, gold title, 25c. Press of Laird & Lee, Inc., Chicago.

**School Algebra.** By H. L. RIETZ, A. R. CRATHORNE, and E. H. TAYLOR. New York: Henry Holt & Company. First Course. Pp. xiii + 271. Pp. 235. Second Course.

The first course covers first-year algebra, including the usual topics. It is well written and well printed, and gives evidence of being teachable. The explanations are clear without being diffuse, and there is an abundance of exercises.

The second course covers intermediate algebra, including a review of the most important parts of the first year course and the usual topics of the second year. It also contains excellent material, especially in the lists of problems. While the problems are interesting and of considerable variety, they do not presuppose an undue knowledge of the subjects. There are several features worthy of comment, including a restrained use of history, the use of determinants in solving linear equations, and the introduction of functionality. The books are worthy of careful examination.

**A Handbook of the best Private Schools of the United States and Canada.**

By PORTER E. SARGENT. Boston.

This book contains lists of boys' schools, girls' schools, co-educational schools, special schools, and summer camps. It also arranges the schools and certain of their characteristics in tabular form for convenient reference and comparison.

In addition to the school lists, it gives directories of associations, educational publications, publishers, teachers' agencies, and dealers in school supplies and equipment of various kinds.

The book is well indexed, and should prove an invaluable reference book to the busy executive or teacher. It is neither complete nor entirely accurate as yet, but the field is large, and succeeding years should see great improvement in this respect.